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Dear Mr. Black:

I do not feel that at present I am able to express any opinion as to what should be the duty of Canada following the declaration of peace. That period is so far off, apparently, and the condition of the Empire, the Dominion, and even of the world at large is so impossible to forecast that I could not undertake to say what our duty in the matter of defence should be. It will undoubtedly depend upon many factors, some of which may not have emerged.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.